

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A ~~liquid composition~~ meat packaging film according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said plasticizing polyol ~~[[is]]~~ comprises glycerol.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A ~~liquid composition~~ meat packaging film according to claim 2, further comprising up to 20 wt.% of a polymeric modifying agent for stabilizing ~~[[a]]~~ the film ~~cast from said composition~~ against dissolution in hot water, said modifying agent being selected from the group consisting of gums, proteins and starches.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A ~~liquid composition~~ meat packaging film according to claim 3, wherein said modifying agent ~~[[is]]~~ comprises ~~Gellan gum or Konjac gum~~ gellan gum or konjac gum.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A water soluble meat packaging film prepared by solution casting or extrusion of a liquid composition ~~according to claim 4~~ comprising a uniform mixture of from 65-80 wt. % of polyvinyl alcohol, from 2-20 wt. % of water and up to 20 wt. % of a non-toxic plasticizing polyol.

Claim 6 (original): A meat packaging film according to claim 5, further comprising a color and/or flavor coating applied to the film after casting.

Claim 7 (original): A meat processing film according to claim 5, having a thickness in the range of 20 to 40 microns.

Claim 8 (new): A meat processing film according to claim 5, wherein said polyvinyl alcohol is partially hydrolyzed.